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SUBJECT: NEW SOVIET BOOK ON FINNISH/SOVIET RELATIONS

1. AN ARTICLE IN THE HELSINGIN SANOMAT AUGUST 5, FILED BY ITS CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW, STATED THAT A NEW BOOK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE SOVIET UNION ON FINNISH/SOVIET RELATIONS. THE BOOK IS ENTITLED "USSR/FINLAND: GUIDELINES OF COOPERATION" AND WAS WRITTEN BY T. BARTENYEV AND Y. KOMISSAROV. A BOOK PUBLISHED IN 1976 BY THE SAME AUTHORS (THE NAMES ARE PRESUMBALY PSEUDONYMS) CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY IN FINLAND INASMUCH AS THE BOOK APPEARED TO INDICATE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FINNISH AND SOVIET INTERPRETATIONS OF FINNISH NEUTRALITY (76 HELSINKI 1970).

2. ACCORDING TO THE HELSINGIN SANOMAT ARTICLE, THE NEW BOOK FOCUSES ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 1948 FINNISH/SOVIET TREATY AS AN EXAMPLE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HAS AS A CENTRAL THEME THE EXPANSION OF FINNISH/SOVIET COOPERATION IN RELATIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CSCE. REPORTEDLY THE
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BOOK ALSO DEALS IN DETAIL WITH FINNISH DOMESTIC POLITICS, INCLUDING THE 1978 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

3. AMEMBASSY MOSCOW WAS MOST HELPFUL IN OBTAINING COPIES OF THE 1976 BOOK; WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN GETTING 2 COPIES OF THE NEW BOOK AS WELL.

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